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General Comment

Clearly, our community depends on clean water for our health, livelihoods and economic security.

Unfortunately, pollution is killing the Chesapeake and hundreds of other rivers and creeks in the region. All this pollution gets collected into the bay, which is no better shape today than it was 25 years ago.

You now have the unique opportunity to do something about it, and the time has come to put strong, enforceable water safety standards in place to protect our homes, support our economy and ensure that our streams and rivers are healthy today and for our children's future.

I urge you to develop a strong pollution diet in my state that holds us all accountable for the pollution that is harming our wildlife and damaging our local economy. It is imperative that these plans address all sources of pollution and demonstrates how reductions will be gained. Citizens across this state and the region need your help to keep our water clean and protected.

I remember how clean the Bay was in my youth. Oysters were abundant and we thought crabs would never go away. The few times I got out on the Bay's rivers, I remember seeing the bottom. Now, these are memories. They do not have to be just memories, for the first time in my lifetime we have the opportunity to really do something about the nitrogen, the pollution and sediment and the lack of the grasses I remember so well. We are at a threshold. If we set enforceable standards, the past does not have to be a memory. We can go back to a clean, healthy Bay by

setting legally enforceable requirements.